

apprehension and conviction of these criminals, except upon "the petition" of the Circuit and County Judge of the county in which the crimes were committed. No such application has been made. As I cannot suppose the judges sanction or connive at this criminality the conviction is enforced that the fear of personal danger restrains them from applying for rewards. The law should be so amended that the offering of rewards without awaiting the petition of the judge. The responsibility of making provision, by law, to meet this evil is with you. My duty to call your attention thereto is now performed.

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